

United States of America
DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 1.7: to consider issues concerning the amateur and amateur-satellite services:

1.7.2 review of the provisions of Article **19** concerning the formation of call signs in the amateur services in order to provide flexibility for administrations;

Background Information: Agenda item 1.7.2 was proposed to provide more flexibility in amateur station call sign structure, especially to commemorate special events or special situations. There is some demand in the United States for amateur station call signs that do not conform to Article **19**. On occasion the FCC has granted permission for amateur stations to use call signs that are at variance with Article **19** to commemorate, for example, U.S. hosting of the Olympics and the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States.

Proposal:

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19.68 § 30 1)

- one character (see No. **19.50.1**) and a single digit (other than 0 or 1), followed by a group of not more than ~~three letters~~ four characters, the last of which shall be a letter, or

Reasons: Greater flexibility would be afforded.

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Reasons: This paragraph prohibits amateur station call signs commencing with a digit when the second character is the letter O or the letter I. This unnecessarily limits the call selections of administrations that are allocated such international call sign series. In the case of Yemen, which has been allocated only the international call sign series 7OA-7OZ, no amateur call sign can be formed that conforms to No. **19.49**.
